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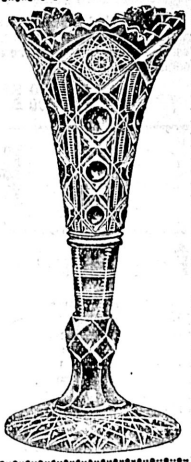
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## RUSSIANS STAMPEDE ACROSS THE YALU

Beat Hasty Retreat On Approach Of The Japanese, and Hundreds Reported Drowned Crossing Stream.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

New Chwang, April 22.—A messenger from the Yalu river reports that the Japanese outposts are near the Russian entrenchments, with large bodies of troops five miles distant. He also states that the Russians are fleeing north across the river in overcrowded boats, losing hundreds by drowning. The messenger himself met only a few Japanese, but they were reported to have shown themselves in force on various occasions, afterwards quickly disappearing. The newspaper correspondents according to the Russian forces left for Mukden yesterday. They bind themselves not to divulge news respecting

each man counting for the capture of one bullock daily. Thus thousands of cattle are being driven into Mukden for which neither receipts nor cash is given. The Russians are also requisitioning cattle from the Tartar generals and are moving their demands on the Chinese troops in Kirkin and Fengtien provinces to disarm and discard their uniforms.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—According to reports published in the Russian press, General Lievich is keeping a strict watch on the behavior of the Chinese troops. During the recent visit made by the General to Ying Kang he met a representative of General Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of Chihli province, and having heard from him that the concentration of troops under General Ma was designed to secure the observance of neutrality on the part of the Chinese as well as to protect the Hsin Min Tun railway, requested him to tell General Yuan Shi Kai that it would be advisable for him to withdraw his troops from the Hsin Min Tun railway, a distance of at least 300 or 400 versts. Otherwise, according to Viceroy Alexander's order, Russian detachments will be sent to drive the Chinese soldiers back into the heart of the country.

Moscow, April 22.—The repeated disasters to the Russian fleet in the Far East are plainly producing the most depressing effect in Russian commercial circles, and the bulk of the trading community would be glad to be out of the struggle tomorrow at any reasonable terms. The business men point out that even if beaten in Manchuria Japan has Korea to fall back upon, from which it would be no easy matter to dislodge her.

They ask where Japan, if beaten in the long run, is to obtain the means to repay Russia for her financial and other losses. The prospect of relatively insignificant Japanese contributions spread wide over a period of generations does not attract them and moreover they do not share in the confidence that prevails in military circles over the final outcome of operations in the field.

### Bombarding New Chwang

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Reports have been received that the Japanese have begun a bombardment of New Chwang. It is further reported that the Japanese, under cover of the bombardment, landed troops on one side of New Chwang and that these will try to effect a junction with the force which is supposed to have landed at the mouth of the Yalu three days ago.

The results of engagements with the enemy, losses suffered by the Russians on any information which may reach public attention. The Russians have issued placards in Chinese explaining away the Japanese victories, detailing Russian successes, magnifying the Russian strength and prophesying victory for Russia. The Chinese are not misled, but still believe that the Japanese will conquer in Manchuria. The Russians are denouncing the country west of the Yalu river, and have sent foraging parties consisting of fifty Cossacks each,

## Clearing Ground For Building

Leveling the Ruins of Toronto's  
Warehouses Preparatory To  
New Constructions.

Eight Millions of British Money  
Available But Materials  
Scarce.

Toronto, April 21.—Work of leveling insecure portions of the ruins resulting from Tuesday night's fire began this morning. Already a number of burned-out firms have secured temporary offices and will start business. While many business men are stunned and bewildered by the catastrophe, the majority of them take a hopeful view of the situation. The general impression among bank managers and capitalists is that the fire while necessarily entailing a very severe set-back to the whole business community of the city will not be followed by any financial panic. The fire losses for the most part are sustained by the wealthiest men in the city, while the fact that the largest losses among insurance firms are English and Scottish companies and that the great bulk of the eight millions of insurance will have to come from Great Britain will tend largely to relieve the financial market and prevent a panic here.

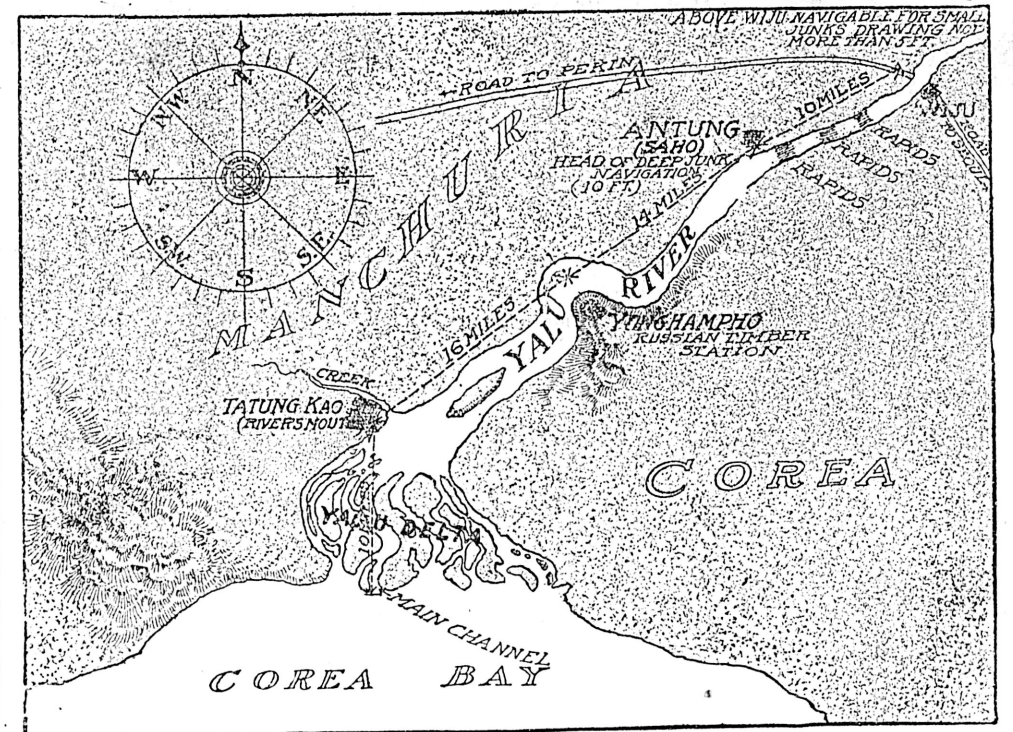
It is expected that the great amount to be spent in rebuilding warehouses will almost put an end to speculative residence building this summer, with the consequence that rents will go up again. This will surely happen if there is not a great influx of labor from the outside. Matters are further complicated by the fact that there is a scarcity of building material. Brick is especially scarce.

### RUSSIANS AT NEW CHWANG.

Pilots Threatened With Rigors of Martial Law for Aiding Ships.

New Chwang, April 21.—An order issued by the Russian military authorities through the commissioner of customs here, notifying the pilots of New Chwang that any pilot who gave assistance to any Japanese ship in waters leading to New Chwang would be held responsible to the full extent of martial law, has been made a subject of enquiry of the authorities by three of the foreign consuls here with regard to the exact meaning of the words "to the full extent of martial law." To these enquiries the Russian authorities replied that the assisting of Japanese ships in the waters mentioned would subject the offending pilots to the same status as Russian subjects and traders based upon the fact that the Russian authorities have declared New Chwang to be under martial law. In their reply to the consuls, the authorities affirmed further that on the other hand pilots would be compelled to pilot Russian vessels or forced to leave New Chwang. The Russian authorities hold that under the existing martial law foreigners are under the same status as the Russians, but the foreign consuls aver that foreign residents of New Chwang who might assist the Japanese can be held responsible for their acts only as being foreigners, not as being regarded as Russian subjects. An order declaring "The Yukuow railroad station" and the native village adjoining it to be within the region under martial law. The station is opposite New Chwang and it is a terminus of the Pekin-Shan Hai Kwan railroad and telegraph system.

## THE MOUTH OF THE YALU RIVER



## IMPORTANT STRIKE MADE NEAR POPLAR

Report of Another Rich Find on  
Two Claims in the  
District.

Nelson, B. C., April 21.—News reached this city today that two important strikes had been made on the Happy Four and the Lardo King claims near Poplar. Richard Roberts, the owner of the Happy Four, has been engaged in developing his property all winter.

On Saturday at the bottom of the six-foot shaft he had sunk he struck a three-foot shoot of ore in which the gold was in nugget form. It was so rich that Roberts and those working with him were greatly excited and could hardly believe their eyes. The ledge on which the rich shoot was made is twelve feet wide. The other strike was made four days since in the Lardo King, a claim adjoining the Happy Four on the west. In the tunnel which had been driven for twenty feet a two and a half foot shoot of ore was encountered which fairly gleamed with gold. The two finds are said to be richer than anything yet uncovered on the Poplar creek section.

The scene of the find is three miles from Poplar Creek and half a mile north of the Gold Hill townsite and close to the second crossing of the Lardo river. The find is important in as much as it shows that the Poplar free gold belt covers a much larger area than was at first supposed.

### IRISHMEN TO MEET.

Boston, April 21.—Secretary John O'Callaghan of the United Irish League of America announced today that New York city has been selected as the place for the second biennial convention of the league. John E. Redmond, M. P., the leader of the Irish party, has been invited to attend.

### Again Embarking

London, April 22.—The correspondent of the Standard at Tientsin says that Japanese troops are now embarking from Korea and possibly are being reinforced by the forces on the Yalu river from which the Russians have practically withdrawn.

## Japanese Officers Are Executed

Arrested in Manchuria Disguised  
as Workmen and Are  
Court-martialed.

Explosives and Tools Found in  
Their Possession Proved  
Them Spies.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The Emperor has received the following telegram from General Kuropatkin, under today's date: "All was quiet on the Yalu river on the 19th and 20th and there was no change."

On the night of the 19th, opposite Cape Tower Hill, west of Kai Chju, a steamer was observed sending off boats evidently for the purpose of taking soundings. The boats soon returned. In another telegram to the Emperor General Kuropatkin says: "I respectively report to your Majesty that two Japanese officers, named Stevo Yukoka and Gishika Oki, were arrested near the station of Tur Chi Kha. In their possession were found three cases of Bickford fuse, a French wrench, dynamite cartridges, tools for railway wrecking, cylinders containing one and a half pounds of pyroxilin, good maps of Manchuria and northern Korea and a number of notes."

A court-martial held at Harbin, April 20th, found them guilty while belonging to the Japanese army operating against Russia, and in order to gain

### Doomed Fortress

London, April 22.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that Port Arthur undoubtedly is effectively blocked and that events are culminating around the doomed fortress.

## VICKSBURG'S CAPTAIN IN CHEMULPO FIGHT

Commander Of U. S. Cruiser Reports That The  
Variag and Koreitz Were Sunk By Their  
Own Officers and Men.

Washington, April 21.—A report by mail from Capt. Marshall, commander of the Vicksburg, giving an account of the engagement at Chemulpo between the Japanese and Russian naval forces on February 9, was received by the United States navy department.

He was notified by Admiral Uriu, commanding the Japanese forces, that hostilities existed between Japan and Russia, and was requested, in case the senior Russian naval officer present refused to leave port, "that he (Capt. Marshall) keep away from the scene of action in the port, so that no danger from the action would come to his ship."

Capt. Marshall says the Variag and Koreitz, however, moved out at 11:30 a.m. Captain Marshall gives the following account of the action: "At 11:50 a.m. was heard the report of the first gun fired by the Japanese squadron, but it was not until ten minutes that the second fire was heard, and by the report from a heavy gun, the projectile striking the water near the Variag. From then on, until 12:40 p.m., when the last shot was fired by the Japanese, the engagement continued, both Russian vessels moving through a limited space to the northward and eastward of Yo Dolima, and apparently keeping that island between them and their enemy as much as possible."

"This statement, as made from my own observations, and as it appears to me, about 12:30 p.m., both Russian vessels headed in toward their anchorage at full speed, and as they approached it was seen that the Variag had a list to port and appeared to be on fire aft on the port quarter."

"A number of Japanese were in pursuit until about a mile inside of Yo Dolima, but not firing as the foreign men-of-war were directly in the line of fire, when they gave up the chase and rejoined the squadron outside."

Captain Marshall says that, on learning there were a number of wounded on board the Variag, he sent a medical officer aboard to tender assistance, and when it was reported that the Variag was sinking, two of their officers and the wholeboat, with boats from the cruisers, assisted in taking off

her wounded and putting them aboard the Talbot and Elba. Two Russian engineers, officers, were taken on board the Vicksburg and cared for some time.

Captain Marshall adds: "On my offering to have the Zaire used as temporary quarters, they were taken to the Elba, where their captain detained them and declined my offer with thanks." Continuing, the captain reports: "These two officers very freely stated themselves that they had opened valves in the engine and firerooms with the object of sinking their vessel. The fire aft, he said, continuing spreading, burning fiercely until the vessel rolled over and sank." During all that time, he says, there were frequent explosions; just before sinking there were two explosions of gunpowder.

As near as he could learn the Variag's loss was twenty-one killed and forty wounded, the bodies of the former going down with the ship.

The Koreitz, Captain Marshall reports, was not hit, as far as he could learn. She held a position between the Vicksburg and the Zaire until 1:30 p.m., during which interval she attempted to lower a boat to go to the assistance of her consort, when she anchored inshore of an island. Observation island. Later she was abandoned by her officers and men in their own boats.

There were two distinct explosions, according to the report, the shock of which was so strong as to lift and heel the Vicksburg, giving the impression on board that the forward magazine of that ship had exploded. Immediately afterwards, the report says, the crew of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company's steamer "Russian Flag" set fire to her and abandoned her. In conclusion Captain Marshall says: "Between 8 and 10 o'clock there appeared to be some sort of conference taking place on board the Talbot, as was indicated on seeing frequent communication by boat from the Variag, Elba, and Paezel with the Englishmen."

After the engagement the following signal from the Talbot to the Elba was read by our signalmen: "Our protest was delivered on board the Japanese flagship a few minutes before the first shot was fired."

## To Commission The Baltic Fleet

Vessels Preparing and Naval  
Reserve Men Are Now  
Arriving.

Togo's Claim to Destruction of  
Petropavlovsk Is Now  
Admitted.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The ships of the Baltic fleet here and at Lida will be in commission next week. The naval reserves of the neighboring provinces are arriving for distribution to the ships. All hope is given up of the recovery of the body of Vice Admiral Makarov. It is believed to be under the overturned ship. The official reports place eighty as the number of persons saved from the Petropavlovsk. The admiralty denies the statement made by the London Times in its wireless report that the Japanese mine ship Koryo Maru was fired upon while laying mines before Port Arthur. It is said that if she came in and laid mines the Russian searchlights failed to pick her up.

There is a growing disposition at the admiralty to admit Vice Admiral Togo's claim that a Japanese mine sank the Petropavlovsk and injured the Pobeda. The failure of the warships to touch the mines while going out to sea is explained by the fact that when starting in pursuit of the enemy's cruiser division the Russian ships passed north of the mine, and in returning, after the appearance of the Japanese battleship division, Vice Admiral Makarov headed straight for the entrance to the harbor, and accounting for the injury of the Pobeda, which was in the wake of the Petropavlovsk by the concussion following such disaster to the flagship, which sheered off on striking a Russian mine laid to protect the entrance, against a repetition of the attempt to block the channel, but the theories held here are really only conjectures, as the Port Arthur authorities have not yet reported the result of their investigation. Vice Admiral Stokel, formerly in command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur in a interview declares his belief that the Petropavlovsk and Pobeda collided with spent whitehead torpedoes. He denies that the Russians are responsible for the sinking of the Japanese ships at the outbreak of the war, saying that the best proof of this was that the guns were loaded when the Japanese torpedo boats appeared.

### IMPERSONATOR JAILED.

Woeed Pretty Telegraph Operator Under Name of a Young Millionaire.

New York, April 21.—James A. N. Abel, the young man who used the name of "J. Ogden Goetz" in wooing Miss Anderson, a pretty telegraph operator and who was arrested at Niagara Falls, Ont., and brought here for trial over the charge of forgery in the third degree. Under the statutes Abel is liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years, the forgery consisting of signing the name of Vice President Van Every, of the Western Union Telegraph Company to a letter of introduction. Albert Goetz, brother of the Duchess of Roxburgh, who has pressed the case against Abel said today that his interest in the prosecution of the defendant was due to the fact that the name of the family. Abel represented to Miss Anderson that he was a brother of the Duchess of Roxburgh. There is no such person as J. Ogden Goetz.

## WERE COMMITTED TO STAND TRIAL

Murder Charged Against Two  
Indians By Jury at  
Barkerville.

Barkerville, B. C., April 21.—The coroner's jury brought a charge of wilful murder against the Indian Saul and his kiooteman, Amelia, in connection with the death of James A. Kelly, a well known young man of Barkerville. During the inquest a sensation was caused by Amelia declaring that she had struck Kelly three times on the head with a club. The provincial police have quite a different theory, however, and strong evidence was brought to show that the Indian Saul did the killing.

Several whites were called in support of the belief, and it was clearly shown that the kiooteman had run from the cabin and declared Saul was scuffling with a white man.

The belief here is that the victim, who was known to have been drinking, was heading for home, but made a mistake and entered the wrong cabin, and this was cruelly done to death.

The trial of Amelia and Saul, the Indians charged with the murder of James A. Kelly, was held at the Court house, Barkerville, before J. Stevenson, S. M. Both prisoners refused to talk. Evidence was very strong against the man Saul. Both were formally committed for trial and were immediately taken to Kamloops there to await trial at the spring Assize.

### A FRIENDLESS YOUNG MAN.


New York, April 21.—Herald Stephenson, said to be the son of Kate Claxton, the actress, shot and instantly killed himself today in his lodgings on Fourth avenue. He left a letter to his mother saying he would destroy himself because he felt it impossible to make friends.

## HEARST'S BALLOON BADLY PUNCTURED

By Overwhelming Vote Boston  
Democrats Turn Little  
Willie Down.

Boston, April 21.—By an overwhelming vote the Massachusetts Democratic convention at the national Democratic convention at St. Louis next July. The supporters of William H. Hearst were defeated by a vote of about 600 to 200. A resolution offered by Representative Courtluffs of Boston endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Hearst was voted down by a very large majority.





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## In Succession To Dr. Machray

Synod Ballots For Names to Present to the House of Bishops.

After Protracted Sessions Two Names are Finally Chosen.

Winnipeg, April 21.—The Anglican Synod now in session, is having an interesting time in balloting for two names to be presented to the house of bishops in October from which they will select a successor to Archbishop Machray. Bishop Matheson was selected on the first ballot as the first choice with great enthusiasm. For second choice the synod was engaged all yesterday afternoon and evening until after midnight, nine ballots being taken without a choice when adjournment was moved until 10 o'clock this morning. The choice seems to be between Bishop Grisford of Calgary and Archbishop Fortin of Holy Trinity church, the last ballot being as follows: Clergy—Archdeacon Fortin, 38; Bishop Grisford, 33; Rural Dean Macmorin, 1; Day Delegates—Archdeacon Fortin, 51; Bishop Grisford, 41; Rev. S. Macmorin, 1.

At the session today it was finally decided that the names of Rev. Dr. Alex. Bishop of Wakefield, Eng., and Bishop Matheson, of this city, will go before the House of Bishops of Rupert's Land when they meet to elect a successor to the late Archbishop Machray. The selection of Bishop Matheson was made unanimous before the synod today, but it took fourteen ballots to decide second choice. Ten ballots were taken with Bishop Grisford and Archdeacon Fortin almost equal. Then both names were dropped as the deadlock could not be broken and ballots were taken on Bishop Eden and Canon Cody, of Toronto. The fourteenth ballot resulted in the almost unanimous selection of Bishop Eden.

The bishop of Mackenzie river, who is also at present acting bishop of Athabasca left for the west on Tuesday evening. After spending a few days at Indian Head and other points he will proceed to Athabasca Landing, where Mrs. and Miss Levee will reside while he goes north to the Arctic circle by canoe, returning about the end of September by the Hudson Bay Company's steamer. The bishop hopes to visit Fort Chipewyan, Simpson, Norman, Macpherson and Raynham, Mission, and if time and circumstances permit, he will return by the Peace river, visiting Fort Vermilion, Smoke river and Lesser Slave lake missions, reaching Athabasca Landing in time to be present at the meeting of the house of bishops on October 6th.

Right Rev. Bishop Bompas, bishop of Selkirk, left last evening for his distant diocese by way of Vancouver and St. Lawrence. His residence is at Carleton Place, Ontario. He is on his way to the White Pass and Yukon railway. His Lordship has been acting in his capacity in carrying out of various matters of business involved in the death of archbishop of Rupert's Land. He presided at the meeting of the house of bishops the other day and he will have various important functions to perform pending the election of a new archbishop. Mrs. Bompas remains in the city for a few days, when she will go East to Toronto, Montreal and other points, returning in the summer to rejoin the bishop at Carleton Place. The alumni of St. John's college will erect a memorial chapel to the late archbishop of Montreal, scholarship for the late Dean O'Mara's memory will also be created.

## HURRYING THE ALASKA CABLE

Seattle-Sitka Connection to Be Thrown Open This Year.

Washington, April 20.—Bids for the manufacture of the Valdez-Sitka military cable were opened today at the office of General Greely, chief of the signal corps, at the war department. The names of the bidders and the amount of the bids for this cable, which will be about 600 miles in length, will be announced until the army appropriation bill has become a law.

The conference report on this bill, which includes the appropriation for the cable, has been agreed to in the Senate, and General Greely says that the contract will be awarded as soon as the bill is signed by the President. The time required for the manufacture of the cable, while not definitely known, will not be very long.

To avoid delays and the great loss which has been the case in the past, General Greely expects to send the cable across the continent by rail instead of by sea around Cape Horn. It is hoped that the war department that has been laying the cable can be completed this year. The cable ship *Thurside*, which is now on the way from the Philippines, is expected at Seattle about May 20, and will soon after begin to lay the remainder of the Sitka-Seattle line.

The laying of this cable was interfered with last fall by severe storms, which made its completion impossible until this year. The end was buoyed up and the remainder of the cable is stored at Tacoma. The cable landing and the station in Seattle are already completed, so the work of laying the remaining portion will not be great.

General Greely, although unwilling to predict, authorizes the statement that, if the department is fortunate, it might have cable connections established between Seattle, Skagway and Sitka by July.

THE SULLY FAILURE.

New York, April 21.—George Holt in the United States District court today overruled the demurrer interposed by Daniel J. Sully & Company against the involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed against his firm by Stephen E. Weld & Co., Pampan, Gwathmey & Co., and other creditors and gave the defendants leave to answer the amended petition within ten days, or of the payment of costs.

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## Trade Destroyers For the Pacific

Russians About to Fit Out Fast Cruisers to Prey on Shipping.

Japanese Preparing to Make a Second Landing in Korea.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The admiralty, it is announced, intends to fit out two ships purchased from Germany which were formerly in the transatlantic service, together with a number of ships of the volunteer fleet with rapid-fire guns and to send them to the Pacific to prey upon Japanese commerce. The admiralty believes that by this means it can prevent the resumption of operations by the Japanese commercial fleet and strike a hard blow against Japan's hope of maintaining her resources for the prosecution of the war. It is authoritatively stated that Russia has been offered through a well-known firm, two 7,000 ton and two 3,000 ton cruisers belonging to the American republic, but has declined the offer.

In order to harmonize the army and the navy operations Vice Admiral Skrydloff will stop at Liao Yang on his way to Port Arthur to confer with General Kuropatkin. This admiral and the General are warm personal friends and both are completely independent of the viceroys, in spite of the bad relations between Skrydloff and Alexieff, pressure being brought to bear to prevent the viceroys' immediate return to the Russian capital.

All information in possession of the general staff indicates that the Japanese are preparing to make a landing near Taku Shan. The lights of Japanese ships have been observed there for several nights, and it is believed that the debarkation of the troops has been delayed by the bad weather which has prevailed. It is believed that the Japanese will experience great difficulty in debarking if their landing is resisted. A prominent naval attaché, who is familiar with the coast says a battalion with rapid-fire guns could keep off an army corps as the warships would have to lie too far out to effectively protect a landing.

## NEW RAILROAD IN THE YUKON

New York Capitalist Start Representative to the Far North.

Montreal, April 21.—John McManis, a New York capitalist, left here this morning bound for Vancouver, en route to the Yukon as the representative of an American syndicate which proposes to invest fifteen millions in building another railway line in the Yukon with steamship connection with Pacific coast ports. The location of the road is not yet known, in fact Mr. McManis's mission is largely connected with the deciding of this particular of the scheme.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, April 21.—Unas Hancock, a wealthy rancher living near Erindale, north of Stonewall, Man., for the past twenty years, killed himself at 6 o'clock this morning at the residence of his brother-in-law, John Berry, in Stonewall. He was sleeping with Mr. Berry's son, and while lying in bed reached for a revolver and shot himself in the head. He had been in ill-health for some time and intended leaving in a few days for British Columbia to visit relatives. He leaves a widow and one son.

The water in Red and Assiniboia rivers is falling, and the Red is clear south of a point above Morris. No flood of water in the Red river valley is now believed.

Major Gardiner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles died last night after seven months' illness of complications arising from typhoid fever. He was born in Cape Breton and served through the Northwest rebellion. Magnus Bezz, Indian agent at Crooked Lake reserve, near Broadway, N. W. T., is dead.

COLD IN THE HEAD.

Don't neglect it. It leads to Catarrh. Japanese Catarrh Cure cures in a night. Mr. Alex. Moffat, New Westminster, B. C., writes: "I was for some weeks suffering from a cold in the head, which was apparently developing into Catarrh in two days. Japanese Catarrh Cure cured me completely. The first application relieved me." All druggists, 50c. Take no other.

RAILROAD CASUALTIES.

Washington, April 21.—The interstate commerce commission today issued a report showing that in the United States during October, November and December last, the total number of railroad casualties aggregated 1,448, a decrease of 102 as compared with the corresponding quarter. There were killed 175 passengers and 991 employees, and 1,337 passengers and 11,332 employees were injured. The damage by these accidents to cars, engines and roadways amounted to \$8,527,000, a decrease of \$75,348.

VATICAN EXHIBITS.

Valuable Collection to Be Sent to the St. Louis World's Fair.

Rome, April 21.—The Vatican exhibits for the St. Louis exposition, chosen by Father Ehrle, Vatican librarian, contains 24 large mosaics manufactured by the studio del mosaico in St. Peter's, which may not be sold; a collection of photographs showing views of the Vatican; some of the precious volumes from the Codex Vaticanus; including those concerning American history, including those concerning American history in the fifteenth century, and relating to the division between Spain and Portugal by Alexander VI.; a death mask and model of the hand of Pope Leo, taken according to tradition the day of his death; and papers from the papal letter books dating from the twelfth to the fifteenth centuries, and containing the most important documents written by each pope, and several editions of the late Pope Leo.

## Doomed Bandits Await Their Fate

Three Carban Outlaws Will Be Executed in Chicago Today.

Governor Yates Refuses Vandine's Mother's Prayer For Clemency.

Chicago, April 21.—For a crime without parallel in Chicago's history, the penalty of the law will be exacted on the three "car bandits," Vandine, Marx and Neidermeir, on the scaffold tomorrow. The exact hour of the execution has not been fixed, nor has it been decided which shall be executed first.

Neidermeir is still in bed, weak from injuries inflicted in his attempt at suicide Monday morning, but Dr. McNamara the jail physician, declared tonight that Neidermeir would be sufficiently strong to walk to the scaffold. With all the clemency gone, the three murderers tonight seemed resigned to their fate and retired early.

Marx, Vandine and Neidermeir exchanged farewells with their relatives today in the crowded jail gallery. Marx was progressing within hearing. Vandine and Marx spent much of the time in devotional exercises, while Neidermeir lay on a cot in the jail hospital and seemed at the guards watching him. He refused to accept religious advice and declared that if he was unable to cheat the gallows he would go to his death an atheist. A court habeas corpus action in Neidermeir's case was denied today. The petition is ostensibly on behalf of two men who were convicted of murdering a saloon keeper. Neidermeir recently confessed to the murder. The petition was denied.

Springfield, April 21.—Governor Yates today refused clemency to Harry Vandine, the street car bandit, who is under sentence to be hanged in Chicago tomorrow with the other bandits, Neidermeir and Marx. Mrs. Vandine, a mother of three condemned men, left for Pittsfield, where the Governor has a campaign tour, to make a personal plea to him.

JOY IN HUNGARY.

Wise Act of Emperor Francis Joseph Causes Unbounded Satisfaction.

Vienna, April 21.—Emperor Francis Joseph, in his capacity as King of Hungary, has spontaneously issued a rescript instructing the Hungarian Premier, Count Stephen Taza, to have the remains of Francis Bakozy, who was known as Francis II., Prince of Transylvania, brought from Constantinople to Hungary, in a manner worthy of so illustrious a figure in Hungarian history. Two centuries ago Francis Bakozy raised the standard of revolt against the House of Hapsburg, and up to the present the cult of his memory has been regarded as disloyal to the imperial throne. For this reason the rescript issued by the Emperor has been received with a burst of enthusiasm throughout Hungary. Francis Kossuth, son of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, has written the Emperor, thanking the King for his "wise and noble resolve," which shows that he is "capable of getting at the heart of the nation and of seeing where the pain lies."

## INSURANCE MEN DISCUSS THE FIRE

Meeting of Underwriters in Toronto and Proposal to Raise Rates.

Toronto, April 21.—There was an important meeting of the leading underwriters here today when the fire was discussed. The most important question discussed was that of raising rates. On the report of the committee the association decided to increase insurance rates all round on mercantile risks in Toronto. In the congested district 75 per cent, in the outside districts 50 per cent, and in the suburbs 25 per cent. The question of a general advance throughout Canada.

The meeting discussed the question of appointing adjusters who will probably be selected from insurance men in Toronto and Montreal. One gentleman present remarked: "You will find the total insurance loss in the recent fire will be nearer \$10,000,000 than \$8,000,000 and it will take the companies fully twenty years to overtake these losses."

An excellent authority on insurance pointed out that in Toronto for a certain class of wholesale property the rate was \$15 cents per \$100 per annum, while in Montreal for the same risk the rate was \$12.50.

"What is the total insurance in what is known as the congested district?" he was asked.

"I would think the fire area is about one-third of the district. Therefore the total insurance carried would be about \$25,000,000."

"What would you say is the average rate?"

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RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

Paris, April 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says he has learned that General Kuropatkin has ordered the advance of Russian forces which are massed in northwestern Korea, and that a brigade of infantry with 5,000 Cossacks is within one hundred versts of the banks of the Tumen river.

## NORTHERN KINGDOMS REACH AGREEMENT

Neutrality Declaration to Be Made By Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Berlin, April 22.—According to a telegram from Stockholm the newspaper *Aftenbladet* announces that the negotiations looking toward a conjoint declaration of neutrality by Norway, Sweden and Denmark have reached a satisfactory conclusion and the terms of the agreement will be published towards the end of the month.

ARRANGING COMMANDS.

Paris, April 22.—The *Echo de Paris* this morning publishes the following from its St. Petersburg correspondent: "Vice-Admiral Skrydloff will not leave for the Far East before Wednesday next, remaining here to assist the council of admirals summoned by High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, which will be under the presidency of the Emperor. I am informed by an admiral that Vice-Admiral Choukine will probably be appointed to the command of the Baltic fleet and that Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky will succeed Vice-Admiral Skrydloff in command of the Black sea fleet, and that Vice-Admiral Rozhitzoff will go to Port Arthur, where he will assume command under Vice-Admiral Skrydloff."

## Report Received From Baron Toll

Lost Arctic Explorer's Last Documents Found By the Relief.

No Word of the Missing Expedition Since It Started Over the Ice.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The last document received from Baron Toll, the Arctic explorer, from whom nothing has been heard directly since he left the yacht *Zaria* in 1902, and started for Bennett island, and who is reported to have perished in the Arctic ocean, is dated at Port Keppan, Bennett island, November 11, 1902, and is as follows:

"Accompanied by Astronomer Seeborg and two traders, I left the winter quarters of the *Zaria* in Nipirah bay on June 7th. The ice was rather bad on July 25th and we prepared to take to native boats."

"Here we killed the last of our dogs. The ice floes on which we camped carried us in four and a half days 48 miles on our course, but bearing off we left it on July 31st, crossing the remaining 23 miles to Bennett island on the 1st of August, landing on August 3rd at Cape Ebnar."

The document includes the result of Astronomer Seeborg's survey of Bennett island, by which it is shown to be an offshoot of the Central Asian plateau. It is composed of the old-time Canadian station, broken by flows of basalt which cover brown coal measures.

The remains of coniferous vegetation and the bones of mammoths and other animals, bared by the action of the wind to white bones and walrus addition to white ear and walrus the party found a herd of thirty reindeer on the flesh of which they lived and from the skin they made garments and footwear for the weary voyage back.

"Owing to the fog we could not see the land whence the birds came, nor distinguish Sannikoff land. We are leaving a number of recording photographic instruments and start today for the south, provisioned for from fourteen to twenty days. All are well. We are in 76 degrees 38 minutes north, 148 degrees 42 minutes east."

## BLUEFIELDS MAY BE BOMBARDED

British Cruiser Will Demand the Release of Prisoners Under Penalty.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 21.—The British cruiser *Retribution* which under instructions from the imperial government sailed from Kingston April 11th for a Nicaraguan port in connection with the seizure of six Cuban turtle schooners and the arrest of their crews by Nicaraguan officials returned to Port Royal from the Nicaraguan coast today after ascertaining that the vessels and crews had been sent to Bluefields. The captain of the *Retribution* accused the Nicaraguan commandant under whose orders the schooners were seized of piracy. There is consternation among the Nicaraguan officials over the affair. It was necessary for the *Retribution* to return to Port Royal for coal, but the cruiser will sail for Bluefields Saturday next to demand the release of the prisoners and the boats and immediate compensation for their illegal seizure and detention. It is rumored that should it be found necessary the *Retribution* will bombard the port of Bluefields.

## MARTIAL LAW FOR COLORADO STRIKERS

Armed Soldiers Guard Court House—Miner's Official Boycotted.

Denver, April 21.—President Charles Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, who arrived in Denver today in custody of state troops from Telluride, where martial law is in force in consequence of labor troubles, was taken before the state supreme court this afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus. Armed soldiers guarded the entrances to the court room while the proceedings were in progress.

The return to the writ presented by Attorney General Miller set forth that Moyer is lawfully restrained of his liberty and pursuant to the express command of the governor and commander in chief of the military forces as military necessity in the course of the suppression of an existing state of insurrection.

The court heard arguments on a motion of the petitioner to be admitted to bail pending a decision on the question of the court's jurisdiction, and took the matter under advisement.

The trial was preceded by a fight between W. D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the federation, and the militia, which Haywood was wounded and seriously injured. That he was not killed by the excited soldiers is due to the action of Bert Givens, the overlord of Captain Wells, who struck up the muzzle of a gun aimed at Haywood and General Bell replied that he intended to hold Haywood as a military prisoner and would shoot any one who attempted to take him, but nevertheless, under orders from Governor Peabody, Haywood was surrendered to Sheriff Armstrong and placed in the county jail.

A telegram was sent to D. C. Copley, a member of the Executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, who is in Kansas, requesting him to come to Denver immediately and take charge at Federation headquarters.

ALEXIEFF DID NOT OBJECT.

Paris, April 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* says that, notwithstanding the enmity between Alexieff and Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, the viceroys did not object to the appointment of the latter to the command of the naval forces in the Far East, recognizing that it was unavoidable.

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## BRITISH FISCAL REFORM.

With the return of Mr. Chamberlain to England, we may look for a renewal of the energy which, previous to his departure for Egypt, he had displayed in the campaign for fiscal reform. But it would be foolish to ignore the difficulties and the obstacles which will have to be overcome before the success of the movement can be achieved. To attain that will require a long campaign of popular education. Defeats may be experienced; bye-elections, even a general election, may seem to show that the people of the United Kingdom are wedded to Free Trade. But the ultimate result cannot be doubtful. The course of industrial and commercial events will surely bring home to the people that their material interests, the preservation, much more the extension of their trade and commerce, demand radical changes in the fiscal policy of the country.

It is somewhat unfortunate that at such a juncture, the attention of the public should be distracted by another question—that of education. The Education Bill passed at the last session of Parliament is being fiercely attacked by a section of the Nonconformists, who appear to make a subtle distinction between rates and taxes, and resist the payment under one denomination of what they cheerfully contributed under another. The Opposition in this outcry against the Education Bill sees an opportunity for detaching from the Unionist forces a large part of the middle-class voters, who did so much to support the Unionist party in 1886 and by their desertion of Mr. Gladstone and the Liberal party made possible the overwhelming defeat of the Home Rule party in its attempts to injure the solidarity of the Empire. To those who have studied the course of political events in Great Britain during the past century, it is tolerably clear that the mass of the electors cannot master more than one political problem at one time, and it is, therefore, to be feared that, by the intersection of the education question into the arena, the attention of the electors may be diverted from the great question of fiscal reform. Doubtless Mr. Chamberlain, with his keen political vision, realizes this, and we should not be surprised to see him using his influence and energy to get rid of this inconvenient obstacle so as to leave the field clear for the consideration of the great problem to which he has shown his devotion and for which he has sacrificed the honors and emoluments of office.

But while these complications are occurring in the United Kingdom, it is desirable that we of Greater Britain should bestir ourselves to advance the movement in which we are interested to an equal, or an even greater, extent than our kinsmen at home. And to no part of it is the matter of a closer commercial union of the Empire of greater importance or of more value than to Canada. Our geographical position; the vastness of our territory and its richness in natural resources; its capacity for receiving and maintaining an immense population, makes this fiscal question one of absorbing interest to Canadians. It is not a question of party politics, and both Conservatives and Liberals should view it from a higher than a partisan plane. As Conservatives we can regard with satisfaction the action of the present Government in giving preference to the manufactures of the United Kingdom. Now we can ask that both parties in this country should be united in the effort to strengthen Mr. Chamberlain's hands in his effort to give practical and material form to the proposition that the interests of all parts of the Empire are identical; that as a whole it has resources incomparably greater than those of any other political aggregation, and that if those who guide public opinion and those who direct public affairs throughout the Empire are united in their efforts to secure the freest interchange of commodities, with due and reasonable regard to the particular interests of each individual part, we shall have taken the first step towards an era of progress and prosperity that will surpass anything in the past history of the British people. Mutual concessions, perhaps, even mutual sacrifices, may be necessary, but the end will justify them and yield ample reward.

It seems to us that the most practical initial step that the people of Canada and of other outlying parts of the Empire can take, is to show the United Kingdom that we are ready and anxious to do our part in this matter of inter-imperial fiscal reform. The Opposition in the British Parliament and its organs in the British press, persist in saying that the Colonies do not want any change in their commercial relations with the Mother Country. Although facts are against them, they continue to repeat this assertion. It is impossible to believe that men of the political acuteness and perception that Mr. Asquith—to name one example—

possess, really believe that or that they are not influenced by party considerations when they deny that Mr. Chamberlain has any solid ground for his statement that the Colonies are not only willing but anxious to entertain any proposition that may come to them from the Mother Country. In Canada we have already done something to confirm the correctness of Mr. Chamberlain's statements in regard to this. More than one of our Provincial legislatures have passed unanimous resolutions in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's action. Boards of Trade from Nova Scotia to British Columbia have taken a similar course, and we feel sure that the people of the Dominion, as a whole, are thoroughly in sympathy with the policy that Mr. Chamberlain has outlined. It is desirable that this should be made as emphatic as possible and that throughout the country efforts should be made to support and work in harmony with the influential committee and organization in the United Kingdom that have been formed to carry out the principles of fiscal reform and give them legislative sanction and effect. There is, of course, a delicacy in any action, lest we should seem to be interfering with the domestic concerns of the United Kingdom. But we think it will be possible to impress on the people of the British Isles that those in Greater Britain are not only willing, but anxious, to meet in the most cordial and generous manner any proposals that may be made for the consolidation of the Empire and for buttressing, by material arrangements, these sentiments of loyalty to the Empire which animate the people of every scattered part of it.

## THE WAIT.

The absence of any news of importance regarding the progress of the war in the Far East does not necessarily imply that important movements may not be in progress, which may not become known until their results are learnt in grave disaster to one or other of the belligerents. While at Tokio, the Japanese authorities maintain a profound reserve on all matters, the despatches from Russian sources are chiefly notable for their sanguine assertions made by high naval and military officials of what they are going to do before long to curb the actions of their foe. We heard much the same when Admiral Makarov—dubbed "the Cossack of the Sea"—was appointed to the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, while Admiral Alexieff and General Kuropatkin have both indulged in similar anticipations. Now the expectation is that the Japanese will be hurled from their base by the retirement of the Russians in the face of their advance. It is, however, scarcely likely that the caution and skill displayed on the sea will be lacking in the Japanese operations on land. The seeming tardiness of the Japanese advance in Korea may be, and probably is, based on the soundest military policy. At the same time it is well to note that the prophecies as to the impossibility of the Trans-Siberian railway meeting the requirements for the transportation of troops and supplies have not been shown to be correct by the results. There is no doubt that the Russians have been able to move large bodies of troops to the front, and now that the weather is less severe the difficulties that have been experienced during the past two months from climatic conditions will cease. There is reason to believe that the reports of the weakness of the Japanese in the cavalry arm and the heavy losses they have sustained in horses for their artillery and transport services have considerable foundation. That may not only cause some delay in their offensive operations, but also compel them to some extent to limit them, at least for the present, to districts that are not favorable to cavalry movements, since that would restrict the usefulness of the Cossacks, who are, perhaps, as good irregular cavalry as are to be found anywhere, and especially well adapted to a campaign like that which will be carried on in Manchuria.

The appearance of the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Victoria on the Seattle-Victoria route, is one of the best advertisements that this city could have in the Sound ports. The service carried on by such a vessel cannot fail to induce many persons to make a trip to Victoria, and when the tourist season fairly opens there is no doubt that the traffic will be greater than at any previous time. Both in speed and in the luxuriousness of her equipments, there is no other vessel in these waters that can approach her, and her steadiness is so great that those who dread a sea voyage, however short, will find their fears have no foundation in conditions that are found in a passage by the Princess Victoria.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

Sir,—As a motorman in the service of the Victoria branch of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, I was greatly amused at the arguments set forth in the letter signed by one O. Lee Charlton, who is, evidently from the nature of his name, hardly qualified to give advice to some of the motorists. Like many other careless motorists Mr. Charlton never heard of the reason that he did not listen. He did not see the car when it was too late, and why? Because he was one of those reckless ones. He did not look up in time. Probably he was wrestling mentally with some socialist problem. My advice to Mr. Charlton is to keep a sharp lookout for the cars, and never forget to look to the right and left before crossing a railway crossing, especially a dangerous one like the one in question. In conclusion I might say in defence of the motorman of the Victoria street railway that accidents in the past have been caused in nearly every instance by carelessness on the part of the motorists themselves, and if the pedestrians and the drivers of vehicles in particular displayed one-half the caution that is exhibited by the average motorman accidents would be a thing practically unknown.

## MR. MUSGRAVE REPLIES.

Sir,—Mr. Robertson's letter in yesterday's Times should have remained unanswered by me, as being grossly impertinent and quite irrelevant to the point in dispute, but for one consideration. If I did not reply to his enquiry he and his friends would be certain to pretend to plume themselves with the idea that they had succeeded in convincing me of the very mean type of inconsistency. The implication involved in Mr. Robertson's question is clear enough, viz.: That while when my children were young I was content to be indebted to our government charity schools for their education. Now that

they are grown up I wish to deprive others of an advantage which I no longer required myself.

In reply I have to say. It is not true that I am indebted to these schools for the "education of any of my children." It is true that, in default of any other school existing in Victoria at the time, three of them attended the B. C. schools for a period of, as well as I can recollect, between two and three months. Again it is not true that I was not a contributor to the taxes at that period. Mr. Robertson is evidently one of those who consider "Any stick good enough with which to beat a dog." I can, however, console myself for his castigation by the recollection that this is, after all, "only pretty Fanny's way." Another brace of "old saws" for Mr. Robertson's delectation. The exchange of personalities into which this discussion has drifted can hardly, sir, be very interesting either to yourself or your readers. I should not venture to ask you to publish this continuation of it, were it not for the consideration which I have mentioned above. It shall, I promise you, be the last notice taken by me of any communication coming from Mr. W. A. Robertson.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE.

P.S.—I regret to see that I have omitted to congratulate Mr. Robertson and his friend "the good authority," Arvids Ambro, on the excellence of their specimen of the genus "mare's nest" the result of their kind researches into my antecedents, and to wish them a successful joint incubation of its interesting contents.

E. M.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

Sir,—Enclosed you will please find a clipping published in the Halifax Morning Chronicle, and credited to the "Toronto Globe." We wrote that paper, and they say that they have never published such an article in their paper. We are very deeply interested in the fisheries on this side, and the dogfish have become a perfect scourge to the business, and naturally we are anxious to find some method of turning this fish into a commercial proposition. If you could possibly let us know the name of the writer of this article, we would like to communicate with him further on the subject. If you do not know that, can you tell us yourselves, or put us in communication with somebody else, who has had something to do with this part of the business. Do you think it is possible there would be a market for this fish, canned among the Chinese inhabitants of British Columbia? Apologizing to you for troubling you in this matter, and thanking you in advance.

Yours, etc.

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Halifax, N. S., April 7, 1904.

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"An article appeared in a late number of the Globe concerning the dogfish pest of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia waters."

"On the Pacific Coast the dogfish is the basis of a profitable industry."

"Although wages are higher out here than on the Atlantic coast of Canada, yet it pays to employ fishermen to catch dogfish."

"Several persons who have established dogfish oil works in British Columbia have met with moderate success. The fish are usually caught on trawls, and salt herring are used as bait."

"The oil is obtained from the livers of the dogfish, and ten dogfish livers yield one gallon of oil which sells at from 20 to 30 cents a gallon."

"The plant of a dogfish oil factory is simple and inexpensive, as it is only necessary to beat the livers with a little water in order to separate the oil, which is an excellent lubricant."

"The skins of dogfish, when dried, are used instead of sandpaper for polishing woodwork and the flesh, etc., produces a fertilizer and glue."

"It will certainly pay to establish oil works on the Atlantic coast of Canada."

"CANADIAN."

"Victoria, B. C., March 5, 1904."

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The Miner is in receipt of information from a reliable source to the effect that the Kingston group of free-gold claims, situated on Lexington mountain within three miles of Cambarne, is under bond for \$100,000, and that a preliminary examination of the property will be made not later than June 1st of this year. The parties to whom the bond has been given agree to spend a considerable sum in development of the property, this development to commence in September, 1904.—Cambarne Miner.

No direct train connection with Spokane for a week or less, the conclusion arrived at by the Spokane Falls & Northern officials after a careful review of the existing situation. The line is open to Northport, however, and ordinary passenger traffic and freight business in the mercantile line will, therefore, be the only branches of transport interfered with. Arrangements are embodied to bring the mails in over the Nelson & Bellingham road via Creston, so that no serious hardship will be caused under this heading.—Rossland Miner.

Work on the Trilene is to be resumed at an early date. A contract has been let to the B. C. Riblet Co. for the erection of a double rope gravity tram to connect the wagon road with the mine, and the intention of the management to at once proceed with the extension of the lower workings and thoroughly equip the property for the production of the year's output. This is encouraging news for the Trout Lake district more especially for Ferguson. For some years this property has been known as one of the richest in the province, and the owners, the lesses took over are valued at \$50,000, averaging \$300 per ton.—Trout Lake News.

Orange Hamilton, one of the original locators of the Jack of Paper, died of a few days since in Calgary, after a short illness. Hamilton received a small fortune for his interests in the Lucky Jack, and as he was a generous, convivial sort of a man, he began at once to spend it. It is said of him in the Lardner, that in one day he bought all of the champagne that there was in two of the leading hotels. This was shortly after he sold out the Lucky Jack. Before he sold the Lucky Jack he was for several years a prospector and had not been very fortunate. Hamilton was raised in Revelstoke, where he and his family resided for many years.—Nelson News.

Word has been received from Carlston, in the Mormon settlement in Alberta, that all has been settled in the St. George district, which is both illuminating and lubricating. Something like fifteen barrels of oil had been taken from the well when the upper portion (not piped) caved in and the flow, the oil is thick dark brown fluid with a strong smell. Oil Inspector Ryan of the Great Northern Railway says that it is the finest machine oil in the world. Stock in the company has taken a jump from 10 cents to \$1 per share.—Rossland World.

The sixth monthly clean-up at the Eva smelter mill, Ambrose, took place on April 16 and resulted in a total yield valued at \$8,000, being the mill run for the month of March.—Nelson Tribune.

## ARE WE UNFIT?

By Sir Hiram Maxim.

Sir Hiram Maxim has addressed the following letter to the London Daily Mail, and which appeared in the issue of March 23rd last:

"I have read with a great deal of interest much that has been written regarding the employment of Chinese labor in South Africa, and I have been amazed to see how few of the writers have the courage to tell the exact truth."

"Suspend 'conventional lies' for the moment and let us look the facts squarely in the face."

"For many years the English working classes have been deteriorating. This has been brought about by public and private charities, and by the workings of the poor law."

"Man is an animal governed by the same laws that govern all other animals. Nature

## INVERTAVISH NURSERIES

## A DENIAL

With reference to a card which has been circulated in this city recently, reading as follows:

Mr. P. T. James begs to advise all who have favored him with their orders in the past, that the entire stock now in the Invertavish Nurseries is being moved to more commodious premises of The Hopkins Carnation Co., Ltd., on St. Charles street. Mr. James and his staff accompany the stock and will continue in charge of the Floral Department. The business will, in future, be carried on under the name of THE HOPKINS CARNATION CO., LTD., to whom all accounts are now payable.

I wish to publicly and emphatically deny all the statement contained therein. The business of the Invertavish Nurseries is not being transferred to the St. Charles St. premises. The only stock being so transferred is what is left of the Cock-rell stock.

The business at the Invertavish Nursery will continue to be carried on by me from the 1st of May next as heretofore, with a complete carefully selected and fully guaranteed stock, and I respectfully request all former customers to continue dealing with me at the Invertavish Nursery.

The circulation of the above card must have had for its object the drawing away of my customers by statements which are departures from the truth.

P. T. JAMES.

Invertavish Nursery, 7th, April, 1904.

## TWO HUNDRED

## Ladies' Vests and

## Corset Covers

Today, 35c. each.

A few broken lines in our 65c. and 75c. qualities.

As follows: Natural Wool, Ribbed Vests, Lightweight, Short Sleeves and no Sleeves; White Lisle Lace, trimmed, no Sleeves; White Wool, ribbed; Lightweight, Long Sleeves; Pink Lisle Short Sleeves; Pink and Sky Corset Covers, embroidered yoke.

Today, Bargains in Small Ware Dept.

5c. Pins (white). Today, two for 5c.

10c. Toilet Pins (assorted black, white and steel). Today, two for 5c.

Fancy Hat Pins, Today, 4 for 5c.

5-inch Toilet Pins; the 5c. kind. Today, 2 for 5c.

6-inch Hat Pins; the 5c. boxes. Today, 2 for 5c.

Black Hooks and Eyes, Today, 5 cards for 5c.

Hair Pins, steel points. Today, 4 for 5c.

Pearl Toilet Pins, 10c. card. Today, 2 for 5c.

Colored Toilet Pins, 5c. cards. Today, 2 for 5c.

Aluminum Hair Pins, 2 cards for 5c.

## Neckwear at 50c

Embroidered Jap Silk Turnovers, 6 colorings.

## THE BELBOY'S AMBITION.

I wish I was the Villain at I'd show a good fight, I'd take me robbers to Her room And bind her fast and tight.

I'd scold wild feathers in me hat And whiskers on me face, And make Her captive, all the time As-ting her heavy bass.

And then I'd drag Her to me cave And she'd begin to cry, "Oh, Mister Villain, let me go. I'm too, too fair to die!"

And then I'd sing, "Palse one, arise! Ye live belongs to me—Do meed-so-fa—jest keep the change Now run on home—your're free."

The Villain is a husky guy What's always getting blissed; The hero is a Gussie boy What's always getting kissered.

But jest the same I wish I was The Villain in the play. She couldn't order me around Like a Belboy, anyway.

—New York Globe.

The King of the Belgians is known as "the royal stock jobber. With all his wealth and schemes for the getting of money, which he is not happy. He is forced to take any but the most shabby fare, and the poorest laborer in his kingdom extracts more joy from life than he."

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

is the great flesh producer

Thirty years have proved its efficiency in throat and lung troubles and all wasting diseases.

Do not try substitutes, especially now when cod liver oil is so scarce and high. They are mostly all adulterated with seal or other cheap oils.

Scott's Emulsion is always the same. The cod liver oil used is absolutely pure; all the other ingredients are also carefully selected and of the finest quality.

## Spencer's Western Canadas Big Store

## BARGAINS FOR TODAY

## PONGEE SILKS!

400 yards Pongee Silk to be sold Today at 25c per yard; width 20 inches.

## 25 New Imported Children's Coats

Ages 7 to 11 years. Values \$10.00 to \$20.00, Today \$7.50 each.

## Two Hundred Ladies' Vests and Corset Covers

Today, 35c. each.

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## At \$3.00 and \$4.00

Dainty Open Mesh Muslin Waists, with Mexican work and open designs in embroidery.

## Keown &amp; Tite

179 DOUGLAS STREET.

## House and Sign Painters

Decorators, Paper Hangers and Glaziers. Mixed Paints, Stains, Etc.

Estimates Free Phone 960a

## Studio of Applied Art

Miss McLaughlin will close studio May 7th. All goods marked down.

Sheepskins at ..... 50c. each

Caraskins, at ..... 30c. per foot

Table centres, cushion covers, frames and woolen goods reduced.

Balmoral Block, Cor. Fort and Douglas St.

## Victoria Day School.

Mrs. Blacklock ..... Principal

Miss Jessie Potts ..... Assistant Teacher

Will Re-Open Monday, 11th April, 1904

Course of Study.

English, Literature, Mathematics, French

Latin, German, "Calisthenics,"

Professor Dousour-Jouty takes the Senior French Class.

## 10 HARRISON STREET

## The Arctic Trading Co.,

General Traders, Groceries and Provisions, Wholesale and Retail.

We have increased our stock of Groceries and Provisions, to enable us to meet the growing demands of the outlying trade of the coming season. In addition to this we carry a complete stock of Siles, Stoves and Tents. Call and examine our goods when you come to

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Opposite the B. Y. N. Freight Sheds, Front Street.

CAPT. P. MARTIN, Manager.

## Valuable Waterfrontage

## FOR SALE

Lots 201 and 203, Victoria City, situated at the foot of Yates Street, with wharf over 100 feet long, and two large warehouses. For particulars apply to

J. STUART YATES

## MONEY TO LOAN

## ON MORTGAGE

Improved Real Estate Security

Swinerton & Oddy, 102 Govt. St.

## Calvert's Soaps

Coal Tar, 35c. per box of 3 cakes.

Carbolic, 75c. per box of 12 cakes.

Medical Carbolic, per cake in tin box, guaranteed not less than 20 cent. Price per box, 25c.

Pickley Heat Bath Soap, 15c. cake.

## Roger &amp; Gallet's Face Powders

Poudre De Riz (violet de perle). Price 50c.

Velante Lix. Price, 40c.

## Sanitary Towels

All sizes, 50c., 75c. and \$1.00 per dozen.

Wholesale Department.

## Two Thousand Yds. New Laces and Insertions

Ivory Shades, Paris Shades, Combinations in Paris and Ivory.

Guipure Laces, Guipure Laces, Oriental and Guipure effects combined.

Straight Edge Insertions, Medallion Insertions, All-Over Laces (Guipure and Oriental).

Prices 15c. to \$10.00



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## STRAW HAT CLEANER

10c by mail on receipt of price.

Prepare for Sunshine Now.

Its use will save you expense.

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Will Power Does a Good Deal.

But our Pulmonic Cough Cure does a whole lot more. There are very few coughs and colds that it will not cure.

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Dispensing Chemists, Clarence Block.

Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

Special—Carpenters' Tools at Cheap side.

McClary's Famous Steel Ranges and Stoves at Clarke &amp; Pearson's, 17 Yates street, Victoria.

## FOTOGRAPHS.

A new display of Pictures is being exhibited at Savannah's entrance, Five Sisters' Block.

Gardening Tools at Cheapside.

J. & J. Taylor's  
Fire Proof  
Safes and  
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115 GOVERNMENT ST.

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Very Choice of Liquors, Cigars, etc.  
Only the best kept.

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Victoria Transfer Coy.,  
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Best Equipped Hack and Livery Stable in the Province.

All Rubber-Tired Hacks and Finest Livery Turnouts. Baggage, Furniture and Freight handled at reasonable rates and with despatch.

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## NOTICE

All kinds of Toilet Articles for both ladies and gentlemen for the next few days at lowest prices ever known. Call early and make your choice at the B. C. Drug Store, 27 Johnson street, or Phone 355.

Don't forget to send your friends appropriate Easter Greetings. A fine selection of Easter Cards at Hibben &amp; Company's.

## MONEY TO LOAN

In Sums to Suit, on Mortgage, Deposit of Deeds or Approved Endorsed Paper.

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THE TENDENCY OF  
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Is for better and more stylish goods. Thus we now have the finest

Imported Fabrics in  
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Where formerly only the cheapest domestic were used. A man can step into this shop and make his choice from a superb line of

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Worsted and Tweeds

Of the latest patterns, made up by skilled workmen and finished with the best of trimmings, at prices from

\$13.00 to \$25.00

## W. &amp; J. WILSON

Clothing, Hatters and Haberdashers.

83 Government Street

**Donation Acknowledged.**—The president of the board of directors of the Provincial Hospital, acknowledging the receipt of \$150 from the Trades and Labor Council of this city for the furnishing of a room in the Strathcona wing of the hospital.

**To Elect Officers.**—The Methodist Sunday School Union committee will meet this (Friday) evening in the lounge room of the Metropolitan church for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and making arrangements for their annual picnic on the 1st of July.

**A Good Mince.**—There is a crowd which has been a constant inhabitant of the Songues' reserve for over two years, and which can move so like a cent that it is almost impossible to detect the difference. The bird's favorite sport is to light on a tree and make its weird imitations.

**New Wood Yard.**—Under the E. & N. bridge a new wood yard is being fixed up. The new regulation stopping wood sawing on the streets has made this step necessary and advisable. When the yard is completed the wood will be sawn into the requisite lengths on the wharf and delivered ready cut.

**In Chambers.**—Yesterday morning before the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving the following application was heard in chambers: Re Patrick Callan, deceased. Mr. Croase made application to appoint guardian of infant and to confirm sale. Mr. C. W. Clifford, M. P., appointed guardian and sale confirmed.

**Another Record.**—In conversation with ex-Fire Chief Deasy yesterday, he told of a record trip made from here to Seattle with the Victoria via the northern route when the steamship arrived in 1884. The steamer that took the trip over did the trip in four hours and fifteen minutes. This was a record for many years.

## People's Exchange

COLONIST "Want" ads. facilitates buying and selling, and 25c. covers the cost.

**Strike on Richard III.**—Another rich strike is reported to have been made within the past few days on the Richard III. mine at the Victoria. A lot of high-grade ore has been uncovered about 450 feet below the surface. It is five feet wide and appears to widen the more it is followed up. Very little shipping is now being done by the mine, owing to the property on account of the snow. It is expected, however, that as soon as the weather clears this work will commence and between 50 and 75 tons will be sent to the smelter every day.

**New Eagle Lodge.**—This evening at Ladysmith a new lodge of Eagles will be instituted. It will begin life with a charter list of seventy-five of the most prominent business men of Ladysmith. Wm. Fletcher, a member of the Victoria lodge, is the master of the lodge in the formation of this new group, and states that fully 100 applied, but as they will all have to go through the initiating ceremonies, the list was closed with 75 names. The ceremonies were conducted by P. D. P. S. Parsons, of Vancouver, assisted by delegations of Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver Eagles. Arrangements have been made for a special rate to Ladysmith, and a number of local Eagles will go up to take part.

**Fatality at Extension.**—A shocking accident occurred on the new line which is being laid from Extension to Ladysmith harbor, whereby a Chinaman met with a terrible death. The man had been in the employment of the company for some years, and had always shown himself to be a careful worker. He was preparing to blast some rock. The hole had been drilled, and he was about to put in the charge, when he was busy tampering it. While this engaged the charge went off in his face with terrible effects. The poor man was blown about twenty yards, and when he was picked up he was found to be horribly mutilated. His skull was smashed in and his face was also terribly disfigured.

**The Coal Market.**—Harrison's report on the coal market of San Francisco, under date of April 14th, says: "Freight rates on coal from Nevada are unusually firm, caused presumably by the freight rates on grain to Europe from the colonial ports. There is but little demand here for all grades of foreign fuel, which are only sent for exportation. Over 100,000 tons of coal are being shipped for British Columbia and Washington. Coal makes it impossible for outside coals to compete. An accurate report of the California output of crude oil for April 1st shows that the output was 23,000,000 barrels have been sent to the surface. This, in round figures, signifies the displacement of fully 6,000,000 tons of coal fuel."

**Substantial Dividend.**—W. Gardner, the secretary of the Tyee Copper Co., of Mount Sicker, has issued the following circular to shareholders: "I have pleasure in enclosing herewith interdividend warrant payable on or after 30th inst., being one share per share of common stock standing in your name in the company's books on 25th March, 1904. It will interest you to know that the results of the company's operations since the end of last financial year have been sufficiently profitable to enable the board to place the sum of \$22,125 to a cash deposit, as a reserve with our bankers in London, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual general meeting. There has also been spent out of earnings, on capital account, a sum amounting to over \$15,000."

**The Edison Theatre.**—There is no doubt that the beautiful and puzzling exhibit, "Pygmalion and Galatea," now taking place at the Edison, is well worth seeing. The price of admission is but meagre, and it should be seen by everyone in the city. Not a picture, not an illustration or statue about, but a splendid entertainment for every body. To try and divide the enormous crowds expected at the Saturday matinee the second performance will not start until 4:15 p.m. Friday afternoon, so that all school children will have an opportunity to see it. The management, hoping in this way to accommodate all, this is by no means the entire show. For "Robbie and Children" have one of the prettiest little musicals ever produced by the expert operator of the Edison, Mr. P. John Heine, "Lifesaving Crew of England Answering Distress Signals," which must be appreciated. Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

**Sale of Work.**—The Victoria West Methodist church intend holding their annual sale of work in Scupper's hall, Victoria West, on Tuesday next.

**Liberals to Meet.**—A meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association will be held on Monday evening next in Pioneer hall for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

**New Thought League.**—A general meeting of members and friends and enquirers will be held in the reading room, Metropolitan building, this evening.

**Fruit Growers.**—The Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange Limited, will hold a general meeting today in the freight commissioner's office, Parliament buildings.

**Property Transfer.**—J. P. Iowe, who recently arrived in this city from the East, has purchased Mr. Smith's half acre and adjacent lot on Burns street. His family will arrive to join him shortly.

**Joined in Wedlock.**—On Wednesday evening Mr. Peter McLane and Miss Annie Power, both of the United States, were united in marriage by Rev. H. J. Wood at his residence, Kane street.

**J. K. P. Meeting.**—Far west Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will confer the rank of esquire on several candidates this evening. Some other very important matters will come up for consideration, also the rank of Knight will be conferred a week from today.

**School Board.**—A meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held in the council chamber at the City hall this evening. Unusual interest attaches to this session since the vote on the school bylaw, and speculation is rife as to what action the board will take in dealing with the pressing problem of how to provide increased accommodation for the school children.

**Collegiate School.**—The head master will be at the Laurels on Friday and Saturday mornings to receive parents and enroll new pupils.

**Blessing in Disguise.**—Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of the C. P. R. Telegraphs, who has just returned from the upper country, reports a rise in the river at Yale of 28 feet, but this is still far below high water. Mr. Wilson considers the present slowdies a blessing in disguise, as their occurrence at this time precludes any great possibility of freshets later in the spring.

**Locates in Vancouver.**—A. W. More, the well-known real estate agent who for years was in business in Victoria, after removing to Seattle, and who returned from the Sound city a few days ago, has decided to locate in Vancouver. He has joined the Messrs. Rand Bros., the well-known real estate firm at that place, and has already entered upon his duties.

**Report on Alaska.**—According to private advices from Ottawa, it has been decided to send Mr. R. G. McConnell, of the Dominion Geological Survey, to the Alaska country this season to make a report on the new gold fields. Mr. McConnell has spent several seasons in the north, and is well qualified to report on the resources of this new district, which, according to some, will rival the Klondike.

**A Dusky Sweetheart.**—There is an odd winged couple in the outer harbor which has occasioned considerable comment recently. A crow and a seagull have mated and rarely leave each other company. They can be seen flying together at all hours of the day. When one lands the other does. The most peculiar thing about the circumstance is that the seagull leaves the water severely alone.

**Activity at Ladysmith.**—Things are looking quite busy at Ladysmith. The Princess May brought 100 tons of White Horse ore for the Tyee smelter; the Selkirk also arrived with 100 tons of Van Ande ore and the Comblin with 300 tons of west coast ore, all for the Tyee smelter. The Selkirk sailed with a full cargo of matte from the Tyee smelter for Tacoma. There about 100 tons of ore on the way to the Tyee from the Southern Cross mines on the west coast of the island.

**On Wedding Tour.**—Among the passengers from the Sound by the steamship Victoria yesterday afternoon were C. H. Jackson and wife of Port Williams, Ont. Mr. Jackson is mayor of Port Williams and is concluding his wedding tour, which has been spent in seeing the Eastern, Southern and Western States. After a short sojourn in Victoria they will return via the C. P. R. to their home in Port Williams. Mayor Jackson is a brother of the night manager of the C. P. R. telegraphs in this city.

**Insurance Rates.**—Local insurance agents were much interested in the announcement from Montreal as contained in a despatch to the Colonist yesterday morning to the effect that as a result of the Toronto conflagration it is likely that a general rise in insurance rates will occur all over the Dominion. It is not known whether Victoria will be affected, the assumption generally held being that only the larger and more densely populated cities will be concerned. Those British and American insurance companies having head offices in Montreal lost \$4,000,000.

**Got Two Years.**—Longbottom, the man who was charged with breaking into the house of Mr. Smith, of the Five Acres Lots, and with stealing the property of Mr. A. J. Fowler, of Spawden's boarding house, pleaded guilty yesterday on both counts, says the Nanaimo Free Press. Mr. Freeborn stated that some time ago, while playing football in Victoria, the prisoner had crashed into a brick wall and had injured his head, since when he had not always appeared to be accountable for his actions. Magistrate Yarrow said, taking into consideration the evidence of Mr. St. Croix, he would not give a sentence of five years, but he would have otherwise done, but would send the prisoner to the penitentiary for two years on each count, and the law would run against him. Constable Stenhouse took the prisoner over to New Westminster.

**From April the 24th to the 30th** the Northern Pacific Railway Company will sell tickets to Los Angeles, Cal., at \$10.00 for the round trip; and on April 25th and 26th, to San Francisco at a single fare for the round trip. For further information call at the N. P. Ticket office, corner Yates and Government streets.

## A BARGAIN

## Ladies' Kid Gloves

Something Better Than You Ever Got Before

We have assorted out a number of odd lines of broken sizes in tans and blacks, comprising in all about 200 pairs. They are the best grades and sold regularly at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. On Friday we clear them out at 75c a pair.

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Successors to  
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We have over 95 subjects to select from in 8x10 Photographs of the city and surroundings. T. N. Hibben & Co.

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**Typewriters.**—Typewriters—\$30 each and upwards. Hinton Electric Co., Government street.

**Dropped.**—Owing to the increased supply due to the recent warm weather, fancy hot-house lettuce will be sold by the retailers trade at three large heads for ten cents from and after Monday, 18th inst., until further notice. This low price puts lettuce within the reach of all.

**65 local subjects in Souvenir Post Cards** to select from at T. N. Hibben & Co.

**Cherry Cordial.**—It's all right. Sold at first-class bars.

T. N. Hibben & Co. are agents for Jones & Co's photographs.

**Finch & Finch, the gents' furnisher,** are offering special bargains tomorrow in the best makes of ladies' kid gloves, at 75c per pair. See their advertisement in this issue.

**A most successful dress rehearsal** of Miss Grahame's fairy play took place on Wednesday evening. A matinee performance will be given on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. by special request. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

**Notice to Patrons of Barber Shops.**—On and after May 2, 1904, all Barber Shops will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., Saturday 11 p.m. Prices of shaving and haircutting same as at present.

The celebrated Battle Creek Sanitarium, health food and life-giving for sale by Watson & Hall, 55 Yates st.

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Wright & Ditson Balls \$4.50 per doz. Ayres Balls, \$5.00 per dozen. Practice Balls, \$3.00 and \$3.50 per dozen. Racquets—Davis, Pinn, Campbell and others from \$1.25 to \$8.50. Presses, Posts, Nets, Markers and a complete line of Tennis Goods.

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Spring Showing

## LADIES' COATS

Novelties—Spring Importations.

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All that is new and up to date in spring styles and materials.

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Popular styles, new weaves.

Special Showing of Underwear, Gloves, Hosiery and Neckwear.

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**Steamship Princess Victoria Comes From Seattle in Remarkable Time.**

**No Likelihood It Will be Reduced Except By Same Vessel.**

The steamer Princess Victoria established a new record which will probably stand until she breaks it again herself, yesterday, when she made the run from Seattle to Victoria in three hours and twenty-four minutes, from full speed ahead to slow bell off the ocean docks. She blew her whistle at five minutes past one o'clock and was tied up at her berth here at sixteen minutes past one, which is exceedingly rapid handling.

The Princess left Seattle at half-past nine and overtook the steamer Wincom, which was going into Port Townsend, the Whatcom having left Seattle at half-past eight o'clock the same morning. The Princess Victoria did the trip under normal full speed pressure, and not forced draught, which was considerably to the credit of the vessel. The vessel was run by the Victoria Navigation Co., and the trip was a very successful one. The Princess Victoria is a fine vessel, and the trip was a very successful one. The Princess Victoria is a fine vessel, and the trip was a very successful one.

**MAY CHANGE FLAG.**  
Reported That C. P. R. Steamers Tatar and Athenian May be Sold.

One of the passengers who arrived here by the steamer Empress of China Tuesday morning, in discussing the war conditions in the Far East, and the manner in which the Japanese government is handling the situation, said that it was well understood in the Orient that negotiations had been almost completed for the transfer of the splendid steamships Tatar and Athenian to the Japanese government. In fact he was surprised on landing here to learn that the deal had not been consummated by the formal turning over to the Japanese of the vessels mentioned.

The Tatar and Athenian are peculiarly suited for transports, and the Tatar did fine service in that way during the opening years of the Philippine war, when she ran under charter to the United States government from Puget sound to Manila, and conveyed many thousands of troops to the islands.

The price to be paid by the Japanese for the two ships was not stated, but as they are first-class vessels, and in prime of usefulness, it is probable that the figure will be exceedingly handsome. Both steamers could be transformed into very effective unarmored cruisers if the Japanese wanted anything of the sort.

It is believed that the Japanese will have two of the finest steamships running on the Pacific included in their troopier service.

**LIKELY FROM CALIFORNIA.**  
More Wreckage Found on Dallas Road Beach Yesterday.

What is supposed to be some more of the wreckage of the unfortunate steamer Callam, which foundered in the sale in the strait on January 28, drifted ashore at the foot of Menzies street, Dallas road, yesterday morning. The wreckage consists of about twenty feet of the flimsy, tongued and grooved boarding pierced with doors and windows and painted white, some of which is water-rotten and men have seen the new wreckage.

## Annual Report Canada's Fisheries

**How B. C. Pays Revenue Altogether Out of Proportion.**

**This Province Relatively High In Value of the Product Secured.**

The New Westminster Columbian has prepared a very comprehensive review of the annual report of the Canadian Fisheries Department which has just been issued from the office of the King's Printer at Ottawa.

The report, says the Columbian, is of the usual interest in British Columbia, showing as it does that in this, as in all other departments of the Dominion public service British Columbia is made to pay revenue altogether out of proportion to that collected in other provinces. It is true that our fisheries stand relatively high in value of product secured, but this fact is due rather to the enterprise of the men engaged in the industry than to the assistance they receive from Ottawa.

The statistics are in great part for the season of 1902. They show a total catch valued at \$21,050,433 for the Dominion, the provinces ranking thus:

Nova Scotia ..... \$7,351,733  
British Columbia ..... 3,239,824  
New Brunswick ..... 2,659,175  
Quebec ..... 2,059,175  
Ontario ..... 1,265,706  
Manitoba and N. W. T. .... 1,198,434  
Prince Edward Island ..... 887,024

The year 1902 showed a falling off in value of the fisheries in every part of the Dominion except Manitoba and the Territories, which has an increase of \$240,027. The decrease in British Columbia was \$2,657,947. The value of the several kinds of fish reported by this province is thus stated: Halibut, \$420,850; fresh salmon, \$219,354; canned salmon, \$3,019,377; smoked salmon, \$38,875; dry salted salmon, \$418,280; pickled salmon, \$66,800; trout, \$35,436; smelts, \$19,475; oolichans, \$83,650; pickled and fresh herring, \$82,089; returned herring, \$44,440; shad, \$4,775; sturgeon, \$3,350; oysters, \$16,000; clams, \$27,840; coarse and mixed fish, \$80,535; for home consumption not included above, \$300,000; for seal skins, \$337,000; sea otter skins, \$6,250; hair goods, \$1,200; fish used as fertilizer, \$4,500; fish oil, \$56,683.

The capital invested in the fishing industry in Canada is put at \$11,305,350, of which \$3,160,683 is represented in British Columbia as follows: Seal gear, \$424,250; other vessels, \$3,555,050; boats, \$280,530; gill nets and seines, \$576,375; other nets, weirs, trawls, etc., \$43,978; freezers, ice and smoke houses and other fixtures, \$1,452,500. The only province showing a higher value of capital in fishing is Manitoba, whose total is \$3,485,489; the third on the list being New Brunswick, with \$1,943,654. There are 18,583 fishermen reported from this province.

The total expenditure on the fisheries in the year under review was \$527,044, under the five heads of fisheries generally, breeding, protection, bounty and miscellaneous. By provinces the division was:

For fisheries generally:  
Nova Scotia ..... \$9,118  
New Brunswick ..... 27,132  
British Columbia ..... 17,808  
P. E. Island ..... 7,081  
N. W. Territories ..... 7,073  
Quebec ..... 14,814  
Ontario ..... 4,600  
Sundry ..... 5,000

For fish breeding:  
British Columbia ..... \$23,275  
New Brunswick ..... 14,814  
Quebec ..... 8,080  
Nova Scotia ..... 7,413  
Sundry ..... 7,618

For fisheries protection the total expenditure was \$108,598, out of which British Columbia received \$3,689 for the operation of the steamer Georgian, \$8,863 for the Kestral, and \$23,235 towards building a new steamer.

The fishing bounties paid were \$159,853, in which British Columbia had no share. These are paid under the regulations adopted in December, 1897.

In the miscellaneous expenditure of \$36,563, British Columbia figures for \$3,600, "wharf storage at Sapperton."

When it comes to paying in revenue, however, the name of British Columbia looms large. Before the war the sum of \$43,015 out of a total of \$69,825 from all the provinces, as follows:

British Columbia ..... \$43,015  
New Brunswick ..... 11,188  
Quebec ..... 4,379  
Nova Scotia ..... 3,907  
Ontario ..... 1,818  
Manitoba ..... 1,781  
N. W. Territories ..... 1,350  
Yukon ..... 320

There is a comparative statement of revenues and expenditures for fourteen years past, showing that this is no exceptional year, but that the fishermen of British Columbia have been systematically robbed in ever-increasing ratio to swell the funds available for distribution to their more fortunate counterparts in Eastern Canada, who are better represented in parliament and who share fully in the appropriations of every department of the Dominion government.

**PROSPERITY FOR PORT ANGELES**  
Under the caption "Prosperity for Port Angeles," the Post-Intelligencer, of Seattle, in its issue of yesterday says, editorially:

"It appears that Eastern people of abundant means have taken over the financing of the Port Angeles Eastern railroad; that funds for construction have been procured and that within thirty days the actual work of construction will be resumed. The road has had several vicissitudes; but, notwithstanding, there has been a considerable amount of work done on it. There are now a number of miles of road graded and some terminal work done, involving an expenditure of several hundred thousands of dollars. Under the new regime, the road will doubtless be constructed in accordance with the dreams of the projectors."

"Port Angeles has many advantages for the making of a city. It has one of the finest harbors there is in the world, capacious, free from storms, of moderate depth, but sufficient to float ships of any size, with good holding ground. The townsite itself lies well. There is back of it a vast wealth of undeveloped resources in the Olympic peninsula."

"Port Angeles has waited long for a railroad, much needed, not only to give it rail connection with the rest of the state, but to open up the region tributary to it; a region of great possibilities. Should the present project materialize, its development will be a dream of Port Angeles may soon be realized, in part. It will mean great prosperity for Port Angeles."

Of the 12,703 newspapers and periodicals published in Germany, more than 27 per cent. are in other languages than German, 9 per cent. being in English alone.

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## Buying Horses

### For Jap Army

**An Agent of the Mikado's Government Arrives on the Sound.**

**Ten Thousand Needed Immediately for Cavalry and Artillery Service.**

For the purpose of arranging for the purchase of 10,000 horses for use by the Japanese cavalry and artillery during the war with Russia, A. M. Deming, an Englishman and a prominent stock-raiser of Cape Town, South Africa, arrived in this city yesterday morning and left last night for Portland, where he will make headquarters while negotiating for the purchase of the stock, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

While Mr. Deming admits that he is here with the sanction of the Japanese government, he denies that he has been especially deputed to actually purchase the horses; that whatever stock he acquires and his trip, however, will eventually be used by the army of the Mikado.

When seen yesterday afternoon by a Post-Intelligencer reporter at the Hotel Butler, Mr. Deming stated that the horses used by the Imperial Japanese cavalry and artillery are greatly inferior to the work required of them and he believes from his knowledge of the stock bought in this country for use in the British army during the war with the Boers, that Japan can do no better than to get her live stock from the United States. He will, therefore, study the market and the prices quoted in his country are such that he is highly probable that the entire consignment of 10,000 horses will be purchased in the West. He said last night:

"I am an agent of the Mikado's government. I think that it would not be unwise to state it is my intention to negotiate for the purchase of these horses, providing in my opinion, the price of horses there, but from what I saw of the stock purchased in this country during the Boer war I think it is probable that I will find it the part of wisdom to stock up with horses right here in the West. It is a matter of price more than anything else."

"I do not care to have it said that I am arranging for the purchase of these horses direct for the army; the government is just this. The government has imported most of its good available horses in Japan for use in the army, and it is my intention to replace these horses by those purchased either in the United States or elsewhere. But, I cannot say that the horses I acquire here will not eventually be used by the army. It is possible that the government will impress these also, providing they are better than the ones they now have—which they undoubtedly will be. I will remain in Portland until I have convinced myself of the advisability of purchasing the stock, and then I will return to the Mikado's government to arrange the matter satisfactorily in this country. I will say frankly that I would like to do the transaction so that I can throw the business this way. As I said before, it is more a matter of price than anything else."

Mr. Deming states that he anticipates a long war in the Orient and that the Japanese government is preparing to keep their army in the field for some time. Even now, he says with the foresight that distinguishes them, they are preparing for next winter's campaign. Of the war he says:

"It is my belief that the Japanese will win out even in a long war. Of course, the army is handicapped by slow transportation facilities. The army cannot move any faster than its artillery or the coolies that carry the baggage, and consequently it is imperative that good horses be secured. I am entirely unbiassed in the matter, but I see no reason at the present time why the Japanese should not win out. The Russian army is as handicapped by slow transportation as are the Japanese. To send 150,000 troops into Manchuria, and they can in a pinch send 600,000. Their patriotism is splendid, and they are as keen after the war as are children. Everybody wants to go to the front, and most of them are going, too."

**LET OTHERS EXPERIMENT.**  
There is always some thing new in the way of medical treatment and you are constantly invited to try newfangled, unproven remedies. Let others experiment and let you keep your health and lose time. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have been tried in the crucible of time, won the approval of patients, and they are now being sold to a place in every home as a family medicine.

Drill Hall Concert.—The regular drill hall concert by the band of the Fifth Regiment are drawing to a close and to leave a good impression Bandmaster Finn is giving his men some extra hard rehearsals, to be able to render so extraordinary fine numbers for the closing concert, also for the summer work. The extra for tomorrow evening is an exceptionally good game of basketball between Victoria West and Ladysmith teams. This is the first visit of the Ladysmith team and it is said to be a very strong aggregation.

**JAPAN IS EAGER FOR CANADIANS**  
Many Veterans of South African Campaign Join Mikado's Forces.

Despite the statement of Consul-General Neebe to the contrary, says the Montreal Star, Canadians are said to be week by week quietly leaving Canada to take part in the Russo-Japanese war.

For some time past great efforts have been made by the Japanese government to secure the services of Canadians who acted in the various heavier companies during the South African campaign.

About two hundred, it is stated, throughout the length and breadth of Canada, have engaged themselves to the Japanese government. Three of these, it appears, come from Montreal.

The Japanese seem to have a very complete knowledge concerning the Canadians, who took part in the various heavier companies operating in South Africa, for it is stated that every one of those who took part there have received an offer from the Japanese government to proceed at once to Japan.

The offer is one which has attracted a great many of those who saw service in South Africa. Thirty dollars a month is promised, and all expenses guaranteed during the campaign. The moment the Canadian volunteers sail from Canada across the Pacific for Tokyo he has six months salary in advance put into his hand, to bind the agreement.

It is stated that the negotiations on behalf of the Japanese government have been conducted through a secret service agency, which is quite independent of the bureau of the Japanese Consul-General.

Annual Meeting.—The congregation of the Church of Our Lord held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening in the schoolroom of the church. The chair was taken by Rev. H. J. Wood. Reports were read by the rector, wardens, president of the Ladies' Aid and secretary of the Sunday school, all of which gave satisfaction and, on motion, were adopted unanimously. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Rector's warden, Mr. E. A. Jacob; people's warden, Mr. R. H. Jones; trustees, Messrs. Hon. W. J. Macdonald, H. D. Holmeken, K. C. J. C. Newbury, Chas. Hayward, Wm. Wilson, J. M. Langley, R. Jones, Edgar Fawcett, R. S. Day, E. A. Jacob and J. L. Hughes; advisory committee, Messrs. J. Kingham, T. H. Laundy, J. P. Hilden, C. Schwengers, Geo. Harzegeaves, A. L. Pengelly, C. G. Pemberton. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring wardens, Mr. R. S. Day, who declined re-election in order to enter upon duties as superintendent of the Sunday school. Special reference was made to the invaluable assistance rendered by the president and members of the Ladies' Aid during the year.

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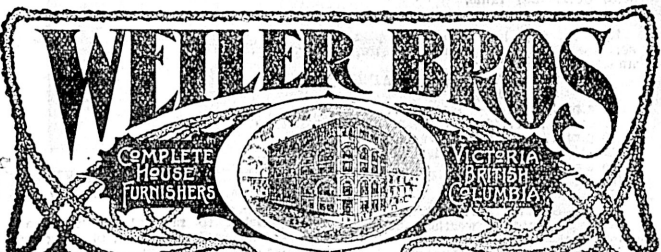
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